

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Army Battle Command Battle Laboratory, Mr. Jason Denno, Deputy Director, Ft. Huachuca.

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: (BRAMA-E) is a critical decision and training aid for commanders and operators to use in support of military operations on urbanized terrain (MOUT). BRAMA is an integrated collection, planning, and course of action system. It integrates existing US Army developed blast modeling software with a state of the art 4D (Lat, Long, Alt, and Time) visualization front end. It is used by the Army to simulate blast analysis and vulnerability assessments.

BRAMA provides decision support for anti-terrorism/force protection (AT/FP) and critical infrastructure protection (CIP). BRAMA is a royalty-free tool and requires minimal training. It leverages previous US Army and US Air Force—force/facility protection R&D efforts. Starting in 2007, the BRAMA capability—along with training—has been provided to active duty Army, Homeland Security and National Guard representatives from 7 states. The US Army CONOPS for Force Protection highlights the need for a Capabilities Based Assessment (CBA) tool. Additionally, user feedback post-delivery on BRAMA specifically asks for enhancements on the speed at which facility data can be generated and visualized. Research conducted by the Army in 2006 and 2007 has identified a candidate commercial technology that can be integrated into the BRAMA baseline to meet the CONOPS and speed up the collection process.

BRAMA has demonstrated its usefulness to commanders, planners, and security forces by employing full-dimensional display technology to visualize, analyze and remediate blast effects generated by DoD-approved blast models. BRAMA-E will extend that capability by simplifying the case of use and helping the Army meet its goal to field a unit level Capabilities Based Assessment (CBA) tool.

Description of matching funds: Not Applicable.

Authorized Amount: \$4,000,000.

Project Name: Blast and Damage Assessment Risk Analysis and Mitigation Application—Enhancements (BRAMA-E).

Funding Source: Army, RDT&E, Line 177, PE # 0305208A (Distributed Common Ground/Surface Systems).

Detailed Finance Plan: \$200,000 Systems Engineering; \$200,000 Immersive Camera Systems; \$400,000 Automate Dense Urban Environment Creation from Immersive Media; \$600,000 GIS Database and Blast Analysis Integration; \$500,000 Develop User Interface Workflow for Plume Modeling with GIS; \$1,000,000 Plume Dispersion Model Integration and Plume Analysis; \$600,000 Advanced Blast Analysis support for DoD and Homeland Security; \$250,000 Base Data Collection and Delivery; \$250,000 Training Sessions, Support, and Webinars.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING OHIO'S "THINK OUTSIDE THE STIGMA CAM- PAIGN"

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, mental health and substance abuse are an unfortunate reality in my home State of Ohio. Studies suggest that nearly 1 in 5 Ohioans experience some mental illness or emotional disturbance each year, while another 910,000 suffered from substance abuse problems in 2006. Given that these afflictions hurt not only those who suffer from them but their friends and family, these numbers are truly a grave challenge for my state.

Perhaps the most difficult aspect of these illnesses to combat is the stigma of mental illness. A lack of understanding of these illnesses perpetrates deep into many of our communities, preventing those who need help the most from seeking it out of fear of losing their family and loved ones. As a result, 236,000 Ohioans failed to seek treatment for mental illness in 2006, and 695,000 opted not to seek support for alcohol use.

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, I introduced a resolution commemorating the work of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addition Services for its work in combating the negative stigma of mental illness. In October 2007, ODMH and ODADAS launched the "Think Outside the Stigma" campaign, which was designed to increase awareness and understanding of mental illness and substance abuse. This innovative campaign is an important initiative that will help encourage more Ohioans to seek the treatment they need.

The battle against mental health disorders and drug and alcohol addiction will be a lengthy one. I am pleased that my home state is taking important steps to battle the stigma attached with these challenges.

THE DEDICATION OF HARVEY MILK STATUE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Ms. PELOSI. Today, a statue of San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk will be unveiled at City Hall in San Francisco. It is fitting that on the occasion of his 78th birthday, San Franciscans will gather to pay tribute to Harvey Milk's life and work at City Hall, where he served San Francisco and so tragically lost his life 30 years ago.

Harvey Milk was the first openly gay man elected to any significant political office in our history. This memorial will be the first such tribute to an LGBT leader to be placed in a seat of government in the United States.

Harvey Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. A year later, in one of the darkest weeks of San Francisco's history, Supervisor Milk and our beloved Mayor George Moscone were assassinated by Supervisor Dan White.

Harvey Milk was a San Francisco hero, a champion of human rights and symbol to the world for LGBT civil rights. His political career was dedicated to shattering the silence of gay America. He firmly believed that the only way for gays to break down homophobia was to increase their visibility and irrevocably enter the consciousness of our Nation.

A popular neighborhood merchant and activist, Harvey Milk became a great progressive leader who transformed San Francisco political life and social culture for all time. He pioneered an open, participatory government accessible to all, especially those who had never before been engaged. For the first time, neighborhood and ethnic community activists and openly gay men and lesbians were appointed to positions of power and authority. He was a passionate advocate for seniors, and his populist agenda encompassed the needs of all of San Francisco's minorities.

Last week's California Supreme Court decision to strike the ban on gay marriage is a testament to Harvey Milk's enduring legacy. It is a significant milestone for which all Californians can take pride, and one we would not have reached without the courage and dedication of Harvey Milk and many LGBT leaders after him.

Harvey Milk did not live to see the immeasurable and global ramifications of his life. He continues to inspire us to strive for a society that honors his values of unlimited and equal opportunities for all our citizens. His legacy helps bring our country closer to the ideal of equality that is both our heritage and our hope.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MAR- RIAGE—AND EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVICE—FOR ED AND JAN SLEVIN

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am joining together with my friend and colleague, KEN CALVERT, in celebrating the lives of some truly remarkable people.

Fifty years ago, their life decisions seemed simple.

The couple was planning their marriage. It was 1957 and a year away from their wedding—June 21, 1958—at the San Luis Obispo Catholic Mission de Tolosa.

They talked about the family they would have; the careers—she in health; he in public affairs; how the San Francisco area—the City—would be their habitat—history, family, relatives. Where else would one want to settle?

Now—50 years later, looking back—it was simple, but different. Janet Amelia Janolis and Edward Joseph Slevin—Jan and Ed—lived, worked or traveled in over 50 countries; worked in each of California's 58 counties, and lived for 15 years in Washington, DC., Los Angeles, and San Francisco, before returning home—to Novato, California.

The series of adventures and challenges focused on commitment and dedication to their ideals while giving birth to five children. Together they raised four wonderful, loving daughters and suffered the loss of their final newborn, Peter, to heart disease.